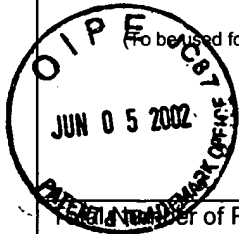


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COMMUNICATION RE: FILING OF DECLARATION ON  
A DATE LATER THAN THE FILING DATE OF THE APPLICATION

This is in response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 dated April 8, 2002, in the above-identified application. A copy of said Notice is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that the enclosed declaration submitted herewith be joined up with the papers previously filed in this Application.

Applicant is:

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It is requested that the surcharge for the filing of the Declaration be charged to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

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If any extension of time for this response is required, applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor. Please charge the required Petition fee to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

ADDITIONAL FEE

Please charge any insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess to our Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

Respectfully submitted,

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**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING  
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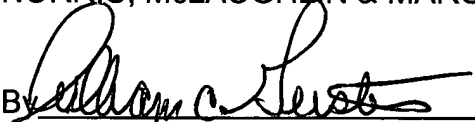
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In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 dated April 8, 2002, the Notification states that there are multiple dependent claims present in the application and a surcharge of \$280 is due. However, the multiple dependent claims present in the application were amended in the Preliminary Amendment filed with the application on December 17, 2001. A copy of the Preliminary Amendment and postcard returned by the Patent Office acknowledging receipt of the Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

Accordingly, no fee is due. However, should it be determined that a fee or fees is/are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to the undersigned's deposit account #14-1263.

Respectfully submitted,

NORRIS, McLAUGHLIN & MARCUS, P.A.

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### NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495):

- U.S. Basic National Fees
- Priority Document
- Copy of IPE Report
- Copy of references cited in ISR
- Copy of the International Application
- Copy of the International Search Report
- Information Disclosure Statements
- Oath or Declaration
- Request for Immediate Examination

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- \$130 Surcharge for providing the oath or declaration later than the appropriate 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)) has not been paid in full.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTH FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 22 or 32 MONTHS (where 37 CFR 1.495 applies) FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Additionally the following defects have been observed:

- Additional claim fees of **\$280** as a non-small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

**SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:**

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$410** for a Large Entity:

- **\$130** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is **\$280**
  - **\$280** for multiple dependant claims surcharge.

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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- 1) Express Mail Certificate
- 2) Transmittal Letter to the US Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) Concerning a Filing Under 35 USC 371 (2 Pages) (duplicate)
- 3) English language translation of International Application consisting of
  - a) Specification (Pages 1-4)
  - b) Claims (Page 5)
  - c) Abstract (Page 6)
  - d) Drawings (2 sheets - FIGS. 1 and 2)
- 4) Copy of International Preliminary Examination Report (in English and in German)
- 5) Copy of International Search Report
- 6) Copy of Published Application WO 01/00339 A1
- 7) Information Disclosure Statement
- 8) Form PTO-1449, citing and attaching three (3) references
- 9) Preliminary Amendment (annexing marked-up copies of amended claims)
- 10) Letter to the Official Draftsman (attaching 2 sheets of Drawings - FIGS. 1 and 2)
- 11) Second copy of English language translation of the International Application
- 12) Second copy of Published Application WO 01/00339 A1
- 13) Copy of PCT Request
- 14) Appendix citing Title, List of Inventors, Claim to Priority, and Certificate of Mailing

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